



FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE

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From the Mayor & City Council

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HAPPY

THANKSGIVING!



MAYOR
HEIDI
ACUFF

Fall is upon us and with the change of seasons we ask that you keep parked cars off the streets. We have children playing, street cleaners sweeping and upcoming will be

snow plows. Fall is a great time to clean out your garage to park your car / cars inside!

Our picnic was fun and if you did not make it this year we would love to see you next year. This is a time that we can eat, drink and mingle as a community. With the Fall/Winter approaching we will have increased deer populations through the Village so please refrain from feeding them and pay attention when driving. Enjoy the change of Season and hope to see you out and about!

Remember that Boats and RV's are allowed in your driveway May-October and after that they need to be stored. This city ordinance was created so that our driveways don't become

storage centers with tarp covered vehicles. Sherman storage is 2 blocks away and a great choice for close storage. Their phone and address is 2315 Sherman Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 and phone is (208)665-7700.

Amongst Council discussion is forming an LID (Limited Improvement District) to raise money for paving our streets. If you would like to weigh in on this matter we would love to hear from you. You can email, call or attend a council meeting to be heard. All contact information is on the back of this newsletter. We are also discussing an sewer LID for our commercial district to upgrade the antiquated sewer systems. Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to all!



CITY COUNCIL:
PETE JOB, DORIS HOFFMAN, PAULA
BUECHS & GENE MORANO

WHO TO CALL WHEN YOUR SEWER ALARM RINGS

IF SEWER ALARM GOES OFF CALL:

1ST) BOB KUCHENSKI (208) 683-0500

2ND) BOB CHANDLER (208) 691-3428

3RD) WORST PLUMBING (208) 661-2433

Bob Kuchenski is our Integrity Water System specialist contact. In the event your septic alarm sounds, call "Kuch" first. If he does not answer please leave message after the recording. He will call back! If you do not receive a call back in a few minutes, then call in the order provided above. Thank you.



PATTY POTTY'S DO NOT FLUSH LIST

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PAPER TOWELS
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BABY WIPES
ADULT WIPES
HAIR
GUM WRAPPERS
CANDY



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FERNAN RESTORATION PROJECT

Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) will be continuing its efforts to reduce phosphorus entering Fernan Lake with a demonstration restoration project. KEA will be working with East Side Highway District and Architects West to restore 300 feet of shoreline.

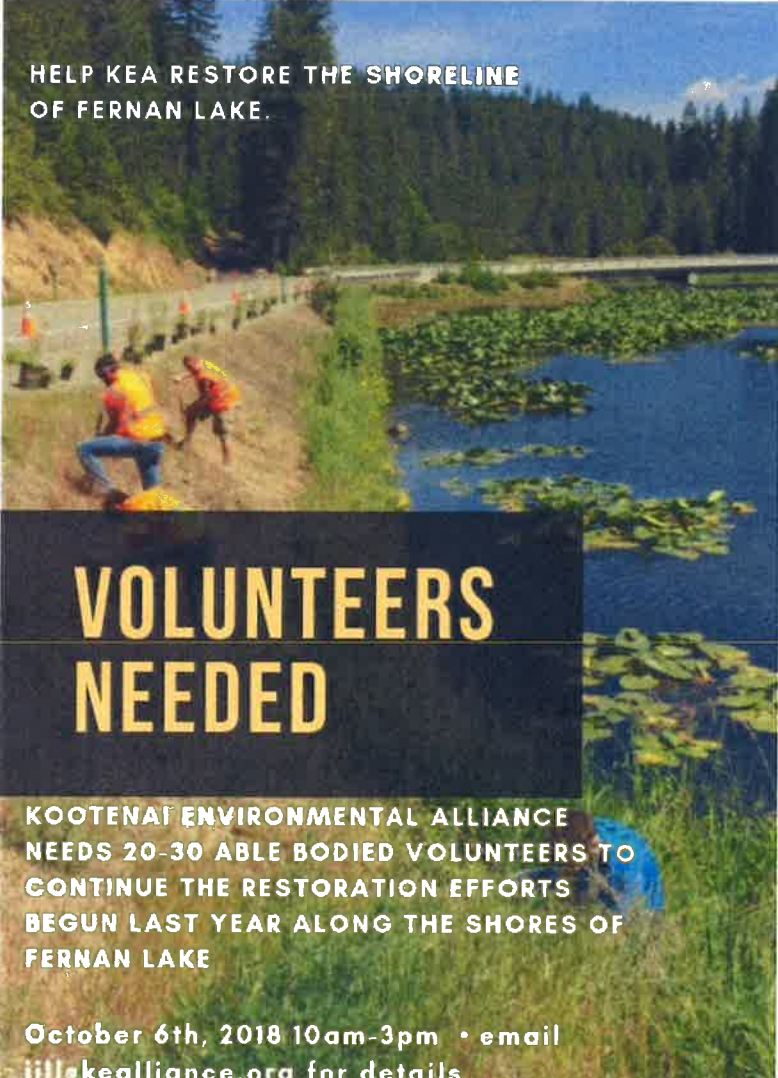
It has been determined that high phosphorous levels in Fernan Lake are a driving factor in the growth and abundance of blue green algae populations within the system. The project will involve re-sloping the bank between the lake and the road to reduce portions of exceptionally steep and highly erodible slopes in those areas with little to no vegetation. This will also remove the rills and channels for runoff and provide a better environment for plants to grow. The shoreline will have erosion control installed at the toe of the slope near the edge of the lake. The soil will then be amended with compost and volunteers will install native plants, followed by seeding of native grasses. An angler's access point will also be installed with boulders to stabilize the slope and provide easier access to the lake.

KEA needs volunteers to help with this project!

- **OCTOBER 6th** -We need 20-30 volunteers to apply compost, traffic control, move riprap and start constructing angler's access point from 10am-3pm.
- Please email jill@kealliance.org for more information.
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Please help us help Fernan Lake! This is a perfect opportunity to play in the dirt, be outside and help Fernan Lake.

Contact jill@kealliance.org for more information.



HELP KEA RESTORE THE SHORELINE OF FERNAN LAKE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KOOTENAI ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE NEEDS 20-30 ABLE BODIED VOLUNTEERS TO CONTINUE THE RESTORATION EFFORTS BEGUN LAST YEAR ALONG THE SHORES OF FERNAN LAKE

October 6th, 2018 10am-3pm • email jill@kealliance.org for details

Fernan Lake Study Continues

This summer, University of Idaho researchers continued an ongoing study of nutrient sources to Fernan Lake. Excess nutrients, in particular phosphorus, can lead to increased algae growth, such as the current blue-green bloom on Fernan. Dr. Frank Wilhelm, University of Idaho limnologist, supervised two research projects related to measuring water movement and the distribution of phosphorus throughout the lake.

The first study was a continuation of Daniel King's undergraduate research project from last year, tracking the effects of wind on water surface currents over the entire lake during the daytime. This summer, NIC undergraduate Emery Johnson expanded on King's work by tracking lake surface currents during the early morning hours. The two students used the same system of deploying several surface "drifters" (buoys with GPS units attached to flag-like drogues) at several locations over the lake to collect surface water movement, along with wind speed and direction. They found that during the day, wind and surface water currents were from west to east (up-valley) while at night, the winds and water currents were east to west (down-valley). Based on these studies, water currents are ideal to cause mixing between the lake and the wetland on the east end, contributing nutrients from the wetland to the lake.

To determine the extent of mixing across the wetland/lake boundary, Dr. Wilhelm used fluorescent dye to track water currents. On August 2nd, a research team injected a yellow-green fluorescent dye into the east end of Fernan Lake, near the lily pads. The dye is harmless to aquatic life and breaks down within three-five days. We released dye in two locations just before sunrise and followed the subsequent plumes in boats, taking water measurements as the dye spread and moved through the water column. Meanwhile, an aerial drone flew overhead collecting a series of time-lapse photographs to track the dye's movement.



FERNAN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE MEETING CALENDAR
 Coeur d'Alene City Library
 702 E Front Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

FERNAN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS

October 1, 2018	6:00PM
November 5, 2018	6:00PM
December 3, 2018	6:00PM



Meeting times and dates are subject to change under special conditions and availability of members. Please check with Cindy Espe to confirm a meeting you are interested in attending. Guests will be allowed 3 minutes to talk and can also submit topics in writing if additional information is to be considered. Thank you.

Meet Pat, Heidi & Colby Acuff

MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

If you would like to suggest a Fernan resident to be featured please call or email:

Doris Hoffman
(509) 994-1998

doriskhoffman@roadrunner.com

Paula Buechs
(208) 667-5577

pbuechs@gmail.com

Villagers who have attended our summer picnics for the last few years are familiar with Pat and Heidi's beautiful yard and lakefront. Their home is on the site of the first home built on Fernan Lake. John Fernan built there in 1903 but only lived in it for one and a half years. He sold the house and property to Sam Theiss who subdivided the property in 1957 and developed the Village.

Unfortunately the house Fernan built burned to the ground so Sam had a house moved on to the site from the Fort Grounds and that's the house which is Heidi and Pat's home now. In the early history of this property it was said that the soldiers pastured their horses here. While certainly Pat wasn't around then to attest to that fact, he does know a lot of the history of the village and has first hand knowledge of what it was like to grow up in the village and also to raise their son here.

Pat was born in Coeur d'Alene at Lake City General which was located in what is now the parking lot behind The Iron Horse. In 1959 when he was a freshman in high school his father bought a house on Lakeview Drive and moved his family into the Village. He lived there until he graduated from college. During those years Pat became very familiar with the house he now owns. It was where his best friend Bill Johnson lived and where Pat spent most of his

By Doris Hoffman

time. He recalled the large strawberry fields East of the house and the barn and corral where their horse Taffy was kept. Pat said he helped Bill every year whitewashing the barn and all those white corral fences.

Heidi grew up in Spokane, but Coeur d'Alene was her summer

home. Her family spent summers on Lake Coeur d'Alene renting houseboats from Sun Up Bay and staying in the corner kitchenette motel rooms at the Coeur d'Alene Templin's. Heidi's father invented the time and temperature sign and Heidi started her career life working in the family business. The company was American Sign and Indicator and it was started by her father, Chuck Williams and her uncle, Luke Williams. After he finished college in 1967 Pat took a similar path. Pat's father had opened a real estate firm in Cd"A in 1955 and Pat joined him in it. In fact an employee of that firm was responsible for Pat and Heidi meeting. Heidi was preparing to move to Coeur d'Alene and Sally Robideaux was her realtor. She is the one who introduced them. Pat and Heidi were married in 1995 and she moved into the home Pat had purchased. In 1996 they not only did some major remodeling and an addition to their home, but also had their son, Colby.

Colby is now a senior at the University of Idaho majoring in Business and Finance. He obtained his real estate license in 2017 and



Pat & Heidi Acuff.

plans to return after graduation and work at Northwest Realty Group. He is also an accomplished musician and has played at many venues here and in other areas since he was 13 years old. Pat remarked on what a great place the village was to raise their son. He said he couldn't imagine a better place with swimming, fishing, boating and even duck hunting at the far end of the lake. Their home was a popular place for kids to hang out and he was fortunate to have two boys his own age in the neighborhood with Riley Cherry and Trey Bartoo. The lawn and beach in front of the Acuff house was a great place for slumber parties and campfires he and his buddies enjoyed. Pat had some great memories of the activities he and his buddies had in the same location.. Maybe not quite as safe and wholesome as Colby's!...but those were different times!

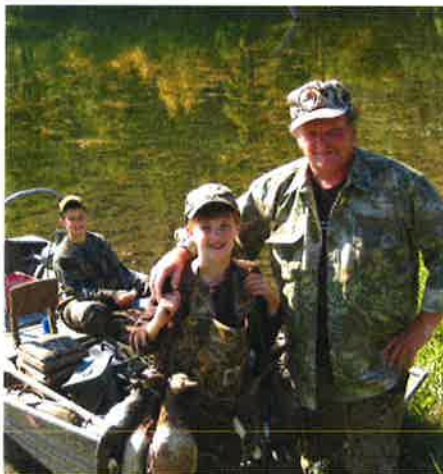
Heidi's career has gone from computer graphics to owning her own company specializing in specialty pancake mixes to her current position of full-time realtor with Northwest Realty Group specializing in residential sales. Pat and Heidi have both been active in community service in Coeur d'Alene and in Fernan Lake Village. Pat served on the City Council for sixteen years and was mayor for four of those

years. He wasn't witness to all of the original development of the property which became the village, but obviously has

learned about it. Heidi is our mayor presently and has been on the council for eight years. Both of them have been instrumental in helping the village develop and maintain it's reputation as a great place to live and raise a family.



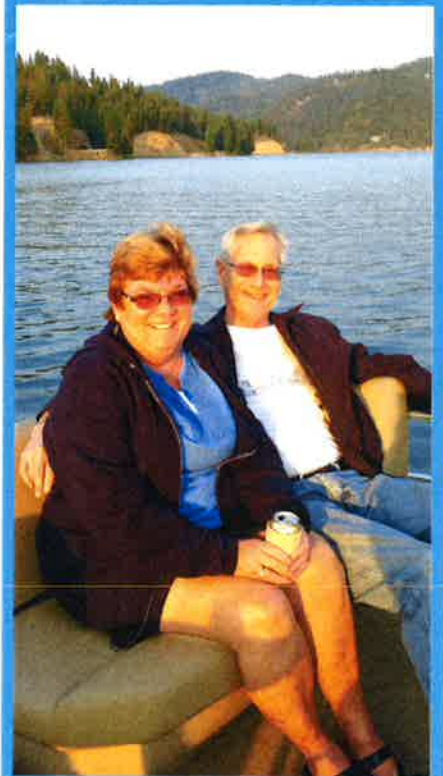
Colby Acuff credits growing up on Fernan Lake as being a huge part of who he is today and his love of outdoors.



Pat Acuff duck hunting with son Colby and James Bening (in back)

Village People

Connie & Jay Gridley enjoying an evening cruise on Lake Fernan



DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

Feeding the animals (domestic or wild) outside your home, attracts wildlife into neighborhoods to stay verses passing through.



FUN PHOTOS FROM THE FERNAN CITY PICNIC



Village Winner!



Colby Acuff recently received the \$5000 Tammy White Memorial Scholarship Award from the Idaho Realtors!! Colby is a senior at the University of Idaho. He has been a licensed Realtor since 2017 with Northwest Realty Group. Colby will graduate the spring of 2018 and return to Northwest Realty Group in Coeur d'Alene as a full-time real estate agent. You may also catch him entertaining at various venues in the area specializing in country music.

CITY ORDINANCE FOR RECREATIONAL PARKING

Boats, RV's and recreational equipment may be parked in your driveway May 1st—October 1st. Please, no tarps for covering. After October 1st, boats, RV's and recreational equipment must be put into storage. We want everyone to enjoy your Idaho but protect the view of our neighbors and integrity of Fernan.

If the owners, tenants or occupants allow said nuisance to exist or fail to abate the nuisance, they, and each of them, shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). Each day that a violation of this chapter exists may be charged as a separate offense. Three (3) or more infractions or a failure to pay the infraction penalty shall constitute a misdemeanor.

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